



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6797

January Session, 2015



AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice
4 of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of
5 Naturopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis,
6 prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by
7 stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as
8 approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, with the
9 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include: (1)
10 [counseling] Counseling; (2) the practice of the [mechanical and
11 material] physical sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical
12 sciences such as mechanotherapy] Corrective exercise therapy for
13 rehabilitation, articular manipulation, [corrective and orthopedic
14 gymnastics,] physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and
15 phototherapy; and the [material] sciences such as nutrition, dietetics,
16 phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances and external
17 applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic
18 procedures as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of
19 [mechanical and material] the physical sciences of healing as described
20 in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4) ordering medical devices and

21 durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear wax, spirometry,
22 tuberculosis testing and venipuncture for blood testing.

23 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural
24 substances" means substances that are not narcotic substances, as
25 defined in subdivision (30) of section 21a-240, do not require the
26 written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed
27 and are only administered orally.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) On or before February 1, 2016, the
29 Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State Board of
30 Naturopathic Examiners, established pursuant to section 20-35 of the
31 general statutes, shall submit a report, in accordance with the
32 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to public health concerning the scope of practice for
35 naturopaths. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,
36 recommendations to (1) expand the scope of practice for naturopaths
37 to include prescribing, dispensing and administering certain drugs,
38 and (2) corresponding educational and examination requirements or
39 other qualifications to allow for such expansion of the naturopaths'
40 scope of practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	20-34
Sec. 2	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "include (1) counseling" was changed to "include: (1) [counseling] Counseling" for conformity with statutory format.

PH Joint Favorable Subst.